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GENEVA PASS AMBASSADOR CARTER (UN SUBCOMMISSION ON PREVENTION OF
DISCRIMINATION AND PROTECTION OF MINORITIES)

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SUBJECT: FOUR MINISTERS DECLINE TO RUN FOR REELECTION

1. TANZANIAN PARLIAMENTARY AND PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IS SCHEDULED
FOR OCTOBER 26, 1975, AND NOMINATING PROCESS FOR CHOOSING CANDIDATES
FOR THE ELECTIVE SEATS (ALL FROM MAINLAND TANZANIA'S TANU PARTY)
HAS BEGUN. PRESS AUGUST 12 ANNOUNCED THAT FOUR CABINET MINISTERS
(WHO MUST BE MP'S) HAVE DECIDED NOT TO RUN FOR REELECTION.

2. MINISTERS WHO DO NOT CHOOSE TO RUN ARE WILBERT CHAGULA, MINISTER
FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING; CLEOPA MSUYA, MINISTER
FOR FINANCE; ADAM SAPI MKWAWA, MINISTER OF STATE FOR CAPITAL DEVELOPM
ENT
(NEW CAPITAL AT DODOMA); AND JOB LUSINDE, MINISTER FOR WORKS.

3. THREE OTHER MINISTERS HAVE ANNOUNCED FOR REELECTION, AND ARE
UNOPPOSED: JOSEPH MUNGAI, MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE; EDWARD SOKOINE,
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MINISTER FOR DEFENSE AND NATIONAL SERVICE; AND ISRAEL ILINAWINGA,

MINISTER FOR WATER DEVELOPMENT AND POWER. (REELECTION DOES NOT, OF COURSE, GUARANTEE THEY WILL REMAIN IN CABINET.)

4. IN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, IT SEEMS VIRTUALLY CERTAIN THAT JULIUS NYERERE WILL BE UNOPPOSED; PARTY COMMITTEES ALL OVER THE COUNTRY ARE PASSING RESOLUTIONS TO THIS EFFECT.

5. ELECTION REGISTRATION OF VOTERS HAS BEEN SLOW, DESPITE GOVERNMENT APPEALS, AND DEADLINE HAD TO BE EXTENDED TO AUG. 20. IN CONSTITUENCIES, UP TO 23 CANDIDATES HAVE PRESENTED NOMINATION PAPERS; THERE WILL NOW BEGIN PROCESS WHEREBY DISTRICT PARTY AUTHORITIES RANK ORDER THE APPLICANTS, AND NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL SHOOSSES (BETWEEN SEPT. 15 AND 20) WHICH TWO ARE TO BE ALLOWED TO RUN IN EACH DISTRICT.

6. COMMENT: RETIREMENT OF ADAM SAPI MKWAWA NOT UNEXPECTED, AND LUSINDE HAS NOT PROVED A VERY EFFECTIVE MINISTER. DEPARTURE FROM OFFICE OF CHAGULA AND MSUYA WILL LEAVE A MAJOR GAP IN TANZANIA'S VITAL ECONOMIC SECTOR -- AS WELL AS REMOVING TWO OF THREE MINISTERS MOST CLOSELY INVOLVED IN USAID ACTIVITIES.

7. TANZANIA'S ELECTIONS ARE HELD AT FIVE-YEAR INTERVALS, AND DESPITE SINGLE PARTY SYSTEM LARGE PROPORTION OF INCUMBENTS (INCLUDING SOME MINISTERS) HAVE IN PAST LOST THEIR SEATS. THIS YEAR THE DROPOUT RATE WILL LIKELY PROVE HIGHER THAN USUAL, BECAUSE (A) NUMBER OF ELECTIVE CONSTITUENCY SEATS HAS BEEN REDUCED FROM 120 TO 96 (NOTE: ZANZIBAR HAS NO ELECTED SEATS); (B) REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS ARE NOW ELIGIBLE TO CONTEST ELECTIVE SEATS (THEY ALSO HOLD EX OFFICIO SEATS); (C) CIVIL SERVANTS ARE FOR THE FIRST TIME ELIGIBLE TO RUN; AND (D) THERE IS SOME PRESSURE TO ELECT ADDITIONAL WOMEN CANDIDATES IN HONOR OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR. WHILE WITHDRAWAL OF MINISTERIAL CONDIDATES MAY REFLECT TANGOV DISSATISFACTION WITH THEIR PERFORMANCE, IT MAY ALSO SIGNIFY THEIR UNWILLINGNESS TO FACE THEIR CONSTITUENTS.

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